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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: JANUARY 24 OPENING MEETING

### SUMMARY

AT OPENING SESSION, JANUARY 24, PREPCOM IV MEMBERS ASKED UN SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE COMPARATIVE TABLE IN FOUR SECTIONS OF GROUP AND NATIONAL VIEWS FOR NEGOTIATION OF DRAFT DOCUMENT OR DOCUMENTS, AND ACCEPTED CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WORK BE CONDUCTED IN ONE OR MORE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUPS. NON-ALIGNED GROUP, MEXICO AND PAKISTAN ANNOUNCED SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL PAPERS. BARTON GROUP WILL DISCUSS WESTERN PROGRAM OF ACTION JANUARY 25. NEXT PREPCOM SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 25 P.M. END SUMMARY

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1. FIRST MEETING OF SSOD PREPCOM IV ON JANUARY 24 DECIDED THAT THE FINAL DOCUMENT OR DOCUMENTS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD CONSIST OF: (A) AN INTRODUCTION OR PREAMBLE; (B) A DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT; (C) A PROGRAM OF ACTION; AND (D) MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS AS PER PARA 33 OF THE PREPCOM REPORT TO THE 32ND UNGA (A/32/41). THE MEETING ALSO DECIDED TO REQUEST THE UN

SECRETARIAT COMPILE A COMPARATIVE TABULATION OF VARIOUS COUNTRY AND GROUP WORKING PAPERS ALREADY SUBMITTED AND TO BE SUBMITTED DURING THE CURRENT SESSION. THE COMPILATION WILL BE ISSUED IN FOUR PARTS CORRESPONDING TO THE SECTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE. PREPCOM CHAIRMAN ORTIZ DE ROZAS HAS ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF THE COMPARATIVE TABLE (PREAMBLE/INTRODUCTION AND DECLARATION) BY JANUARY 27. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WORK WILL PROCEED INITIALLY ON THESE SECTIONS.

2. THE CHAIRMAN ALSO RAISED A NUMBER OF PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS REQUIRING DECISIONS BY THE PREPCOM, INCLUDING: (A) WHETHER PREPCOM WISHED TO MEET IN FORMAL OR INFORMAL SESSIONS; (B) WHETHER IT WILL MEET AS ONE OR MORE THAN ONE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUPS; (C) HOW LONG THE GENERAL DEBATE DURING THE SSOD SHOULD BE IN ORDER TO ALLOW HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND; AND (D) WHETHER SSOD GENERAL DEBATE COULD BE CONDUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH DRAFTING WORK OF ANY COMMITTEES WHICH MIGHT BE SET UP. HE RECALLED THAT LAST PREPCOM HAD DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THIS SESSION WE WOULD FUNCTION AS OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP (PARA 31 OF THE PREPCOM REPORT).

3. A NUMBER OF STATES (ROMANIA, PAKISTAN, SRI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LANKA, INDIA, CANADA, GDR) INTERVENED TO SUPPORT THE CHAIR'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SECRETARIAT TABULATION OF VARIOUS PAPERS ON THE DECLARATION, PROGRAM OF ACTION AND MACHINERY. THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, MEXICO AND PAKISTAN HAVE SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS ON THEIR VIEWS WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE TABULATION. NON-ALIGNED TEXT TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

4. MEXICO (GARCIA ROBLES) COMMENTED THAT MEXICAN DOCUMENT, ENTITLED : QTE OUTLINE OF A DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT, UNQUOTE DESCRIBES THEIR PREFERENCE FOR A SINGLE FINAL DOCUMENT IN FOUR PARTS AS PER PARA 1, ABOVE.

5. SOVIET PERMREP TROYANOVSKY MADE STATEMENT WHICH WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE REGARDING WORK OF PREPCOM AND SSOD. HE MADE BRIEF REFERENCE TO PLANS TO DEPLOY QTE NEUTRON BOMBS UNQUOTE, SAYING THEY THREATENED NEW ARMS RACE WHILE SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED MUTUAL BAN ON THEIR PRODUCTION. TROYANOVSKY SAID THERE WAS NEED FOR NEW STEPS TO RESOLVE PRESSING PROBLEMS, INCLUDING A HALT IN PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH AN UNDERTAKING TO

HAVE GRADUAL REDUCTIONS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILES.  
HE CAUTIONED AGAINST TIME LIMITS IN PROGRAM OF ACTION.  
HE SAID WE SHOULD BE QTE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS UNQTE IN  
APPROACH TO NEGOTIATING MACHINERY IN VIEW OF ONGOING  
NEGOTIATIONS, NOTING THAT ONLY AFTER DEFINING SUB-  
STANTIVE ISSUES OF PROGRAM OF ACTION COULD QUESTION OF  
MACHINERY BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED. THERE WAS NO NEED TO  
MAKE RADICAL CHANGES IN MACHINERY BUT RATHER GREATER  
EFFORTS IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO MADE TRADITIONAL  
SOVIET PITCH FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

6. IN BILATERAL MEETING PRECEDING OPENING SESSION,  
UK DEL PRESENTED US WITH LATEST DRAFT OF WESTERN PROGRAM  
OF ACTION (TRANSMITTED SEPTEL)  
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